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1. Re enclosure 6, para 4: We fully appreciate the difficulties ESSENCE is encountering in his search for suitable assistants who would permit him to have fewer direct contacts and keep better cover. On the other hand, we must re-emphasize the vital importance of keeping ESSENCE at all costs "in circulation" for the remainder of our campaign. RAZMARA mentions the loss of time and other risks which make some otherwise suitable people decline such assignments: we recommend that, if ESSENCE considers a man politically and morally suitable to recruit him as his assistant, he may offer him some compensation for the loss of time involved and some financial assistance for himself or his family in the event of arrest -- provided, of course, that the origin of such funds can be securely explained. Needless to say that such financial inducement cannot take the place of political motivation, but it might help to recruit an otherwise well motivated man who is held back by financial worries for himself or for his family. We must leave it to you and to RAZMARA whether you consider the above applicable to your situation -- but keep the absolute necessity of protecting ESSENCE always uppermost in mind.

2. Re para 3 reference and enclosure #7: As you have undoubtedly seen in the meantime, the RADIO INTERNACIONAL incident has had ample publicity - apparently with quite gratifying results - outside Guatemala as well. Nevertheless, we shall keep plugging it wherever practicable.

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